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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

1. NAME				
COMMON: Dever Methodist Church				
AND/OR HISTORIC:				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: 14505 Rd Dever and Butler Roads				
CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon				
STATE: Maryland		COUNTY: Baltimore		
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered		ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments				
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious _____				
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific _____				
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: Dever Methodist Church				
STREET AND NUMBER: Dever and Butler Roads				
CITY OR TOWN: Glyndon		STATE: Maryland		
5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION				
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Baltimore County Courthouse				
STREET AND NUMBER: Washington Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Towson		STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): AWB 378/408				
6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS				
TITLE OF SURVEY: None				
DATE OF SURVEY: <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:				
STREET AND NUMBER:				
CITY OR TOWN:		STATE:		

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

DOVER CHURCH is a one storey, rectangular church or meeting house of stuccoed stone, three bays in length, with a gabled roof. Two principal entrances are in the south gable end, facing the road; two 6/6 windows light the gallery within through the gable. Three windows on the west side, two on the north end, and two on the east side (the northerly bay of that side containing a secondary entrance), all with 8/8 sash set into thin beaded-edge frames, hung with leuvred blinds, light the single space within. The roof is covered with standing seam tin. A stone high in the south gable contains the following text:

DOVER
1842

Each jamb of the two principal southerly entrances is paneled; the westerly entrance contains double doors, one folding on the other, to prevent the blockage of the gallery stair within. The easterly pair of doors is hinged conventionally. The doors retain their original hardware, including wrought-iron rim locks and cast-iron butt hinges.

Simple slip pews with rectangular, unmolded paneled ends, are arranged in three banks, with two aisles leading from the southerly entrances to the similarly-paneled pulpit, which is surrounded with a communion rail supported by two Tuscan columns; its front is enclosed with unmoulded paneling. The wide gallery stair ascends in the southwest corner around a single pivot-point. Two cast-iron kerosene chandeliers, electrified, hang from a tie rod across the middle of the structure. The plaster finish of the walls continues along the undersides of the roof rafters, thence horizontally beneath the cellar beams. The floor is of random-width pine.

West of the church, near the road, is a mounting block of rubble stone with single stone treads. North and west of the church is a cemetery.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- ☐ Pre-Columbian ☐ 16th Century ☐ 18th Century ☐ 20th Century
☐ 15th Century ☐ 17th Century ☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

1842

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Dever Methodist congregation was established in 1808. The first place of worship was a schoolhouse located on the Western Run about one half mile distant from the present church.

The cornerstone of the present structure reads 1842 at which time Richard Johns gave the congregation the 5/8 acre to construct a meeting-house. Additional land was acquired in later years for a graveyard and an enlargement of the area around the church.

For a long time there was neither water nor electricity inside the building. This was only installed during the 1950's when considerable renovation was done and a Sunday School building erected.

The congregation has varied in size over the years but has always had the strong support of a number of neighboring families. Such names as Kemp, Gill, Caples and Belt appear on the various deeds and papers. Like most rural churches, Dever Methodist Church is an important center of its community. It is a perfect illustration of the philosophy of its owners, a philosophy opposite from those of the Episcopal and Roman Catholic churches which encouraged ornamental, stylish buildings.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"History of Dever Church". Unpublished manuscript. (May 10, 1959).

Scharf, J. Thomas. History of Baltimore City and Baltimore County
(Philadelphia, 1881). p. 866

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds		LATITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	LONGITUDE Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **5/8 acre**

Acreeage Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Catherine F. Black and James T. Wellen, Jr. AIA		DATE Jan. 1, 1976
ORGANIZATION Werthington Valley Historical District Project		
STREET AND NUMBER: 1114 Bellemore Road		
CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore	STATE Maryland	

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:
National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature _____



Dover Methodist Church
Wilton 1975

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